

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims as follows: Group I (claims 1-45); and Group II (claims 46 and 47). The Examiner further requested an election of species as follows:

- (1) Group I-Species A_i (claims 3, 12, 18, 24 and 31);
- (2) Group I-Species A_{ii} (claims 4, 13, 19, 25 and 36);
- (3) Group I-Species B (claims 5, 14, 20, 26 and 41-45);
- (4) Group II-Species A (claim 46); and
- (5) Group II-Species B (claim 47).

The applicants elect Group I, Sub-species A_{ii} (claims 4, 13, 19, 25 and 36), without traverse. Claims 46 and 47 have been canceled, and claims 3, 5, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 26, 31 and 41-45 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 15-17, 21-23, 27-30, 32-35 and 37-40 in Group I are generic to sub-species A_i, A_{ii} and B. Thus, applicants request examination of claims 1, 2, 4, 6-11, 13, 15-17, 19, 21-23, 25, 27-30, 32-36 and 37-40 at this time. Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

Please find enclosed a petition for a one-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the petition fee. No additional fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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